



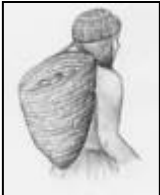
Recreation Fee Program 2004

Forest Accomplishments

Willamette National Forest

Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region

Heritage Expeditions: A Journey of Natural, Cultural and Historical Discovery



Lava Lake was once a summer base camp for Native Tribes.

The Sweet Home Ranger District successfully led another summer of Heritage Expeditions, adding new hikes to this year's calendar.

Participants of *A Trek Through Time: A Heritage Expedition* spent four days hiking, camping and exploring with archaeologists, botanists, biologists, geologists, and

representatives from the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. Trekkers came to understand the culture and history of the people who lived within and used the Santiam River Basin. They learned about the geography, geology, the flora and fauna of the landscape, and also discovered rock art, historic travel routes and early European influences on the land. An expedition participant said, "What was especially exciting about the project was how alive the history of the area became."

Conservation education programs play an important role in the protection and enhancement of historic sites while providing for public use and enjoyment. Fees charged for heritage expeditions help pay for these guided programs.

"Expeditions are guided so people learn and see things they'd never learn and see on their own," said Joanne West, who organizes the expeditions. "I think that is what makes the program successful," she said. "Many participants said they were moved by how the experience changed their lives." See *The Accomplishments* for more information on other educational heritage expeditions and hikes.

The Fees:

Project Name	Revenue Collected 2004	Expenditures 2004
Northwest Forest Pass	\$ 199,554	\$ 166,992
Camping	\$ 60,251	\$ 43,999
Golden Passes	\$ 13,351	\$ 990
Cabin Rentals	\$ 13,020	\$ 11,753
Heritage Expeditions	\$ 6,225	\$ 8,435

More Detailed Information

Forest Website:

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Your Fees At Work:

*Youth Conservation
Crew builds a boardwalk
on Eagles Rest Trail.*

The Accomplishments:

Northwest Forest Pass and Golden Passes:

Pass fees supplement congressionally-appropriated dollars to maintain highly developed trailheads, and other recreation facilities including some boat launches, picnic areas and interpretive sites. About 281 miles of trails were maintained, cleared, brushed or received tread repair or erosion control measures such as waterbars. Trailhead and trail signs were maintained and replaced. Temporary toilets were provided at Opal Creek Trailhead, and numerous other vault toilets at trailheads were maintained and pumped. Increased presence occurred at high use sites and trailheads. Construction projects included: replacing a bridge at Pamela Lake, and constructing a 150-foot boardwalk and 30-foot bridge on the Eagles Rest Trail. NWFP and PAYCO funds were used to construct a 400-foot retaining wall on the Rider Creek Trail, and reconstruct a 600 foot segment of this trail which accesses the Terwilliger Hot Springs. At Terwilliger Hot Springs, fees covered the cost of routine maintenance including servicing toilets, providing garbage services, a pool cleaning contract, and increased patrolling for visitor safety. At Salt Creek Falls Observation and Picnic Site, the electrical system was replaced, and an alternator and an entrance gate were installed. Several windows that were broken by vandals were also replaced. At numerous day use sites and boat ramps, fees paid for general maintenance, toilet pumping, site cleanup, trash collection and hazard tree removal.



Campgrounds:

Campground fees were used for general operation, maintenance, site cleanup and law enforcement patrols at 12 campgrounds. Facility improvements included replacing picnic tables at six campgrounds and replacing gates at Kiahanie Campground. Six toilets at four campgrounds were replaced using both campground fees and PAYCO funds. Fees also covered costs of garbage service, toilet pumping, clearing windfall and hazard tree removal within campgrounds. A host program was reestablished at Riverside Campground.



Cabin Rentals:

Recreation lodging provides opportunities for the public to visit a variety of Forest Service administrative sites that are a lasting legacy to the agency. Many of the sites are historic, offering a first hand experience of Forest Service life in the past. Rental fees are used for a variety of items to improve or repair cabin facilities including the installation of a new solar light system at Timpanogas Shelter, repairing the roof at Indian Ridge Lookout, and restoring a livestock watering trough at Box Canyon. At Warner Mountain Lookout, a rock wall was removed, bathroom railings and railings along tower steps were repaired, and bathroom roof and propane tank were anchored.



Heritage Expeditions:

Fees charged for heritage expeditions helped fund two four-day heritage expeditions, and a series of 10 educational day hikes. A four-day Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Working Heritage Expedition involved 18 youth from the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians as they worked on restoring historic sites using hand tools from the past while learning about the unique history of the CCC era. Other heritage day hikes were led by a living history master performer and included three hikes that explored the routes of Judge Waldo. Botanists led wildflower, berry picking and mushrooming hikes. Every hike was fully booked and had waiting lists.

